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**Obey STATEMENT
ON SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) released the following statement today on the passage of H.R. 976, the Small Business Tax Relief Act , by the U.S. House of Representatives:

“Last month the House passed an increase in the federal minimum wage for the first time in ten years. Unfortunately, the Senate has held up that long overdue increase until Congress passes over \$8 billion in special tax breaks.

“Today, the House passed a compromise measure of over \$1 billion in targeted tax help for small businesses in order to free up the minimum wage bill held up in the Senate.

“This is a reasonable compromise being offered by the House, and the Senate should except it and allow the increase in the federal minimum wage to pass so that the lowest paid workers in America can obtain at least a tiny slice of American prosperity.”

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